

# All Saints Catholic Church

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The mission of All Saints Parish is to expand the Kingdom of God by showing people the way to salvation through the Eucharist, in our faith, our compassion, and our actions.

This is showcased in our four core values, namely:

**Prayer:** Dependence on God and Communicating with God.

**Ministry:** Having knowledge of the faith and putting it into practice.

**Christian Attitude:** Being welcoming, hospitable, compassionate, caring, and loving of everyone.

**Stewardship:** Care for the spiritual and physical assets of the Parish, namely our time, talent, and treasure.

## DECEMBER 18, 2016

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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### Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 AM  
Weekdays: See schedule in bulletin

### Sacraments

**Baptisms** are celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month after the 10:00 AM Mass. Pre-Baptismal classes are required. Contact the Parish Office for arrangements.

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 12:30 - 1:00 PM and after the 5:00 PM Mass.

**Marriage:** Contact Parish Office at least 6 months in advance of proposed date.

### Visitation of the Sick or Shut-Ins:

Inform the Parish Office when anyone is ill at home or in the hospital. Upon request, Holy Communion can be brought to the home by the priest and/or a Eucharistic Minister.

### Bulletin Deadline:

All bulletin announcements must be received by Monday noon in written form.

### Preparation for Entering the Church (RCIA):

We welcome those who are interested in becoming Catholics. To enter a program of formation and prayer, contact the Parish Office.

**Parish Membership:** New parishioners are always welcome! Call the Parish Office for a census form.

### Prayer Meeting:

Every Wednesday from 1:30-3:30 PM. See bulletin for monthly Mass time.

### All Saints Food Pantry:

2nd Wednesday of the month - 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

Access to Parish Calendar of Events: <https://sites.google.com/site/allsaintsetna/>

**Weekly Collections**  
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**SUNDAY - DECEMBER 11, 2016 = \$ 6,116.87**

Offertory Envelopes - \$5,750.00	Loose Monies - \$345.62
Adult Envelopes Sent - 504	Envelopes Used - 217
Children's Envelopes - \$21.25	Envelopes Used - 12
Parish Share - \$4,321.00	Envelopes Used - 14

*Please remember All Saints Church in your will.*

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<b>2016 GOAL:</b>	<b>\$ 51,607.00</b>
<b>COLLECTED TO DATE:</b>	<b>\$ 58,702.00</b>

**Treasures from our Tradition**

*By now, the first Christmas carols are heard in the home, but usually not yet in church. What is a "carol" anyway? Originally, a carol was any kind of communal song sung at a festival such as a harvest. By the thirteenth century or so, carols were associated with household celebrations. "Carol" comes from the Old French carula, meaning a circular dance. Carols weren't for church, since the language of liturgy was Latin and the carols were in the common language. Their characteristic sound comes from medieval chord patterns, and they often have strong refrains for everyone to sing. Even in the churches of the Reformation, carols didn't make it into church services until the 1870s or so, since there was a preference for psalms. Anglicans resisted popular carols; most of our beloved carols came via the Methodists, an offshoot of the Church of England. The Catholic Church generally didn't admit carols to liturgy either, but we didn't make laws against them.*

*We are told that the beloved carol "Silent Night" comes from Catholic Austria and a harried parish music director. Joseph Mohr, the priest of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, had written the words in 1816, but offered them to his music director, Franz Gruber, when the church's organ broke. Mohr asked him to write a melody that could be played on guitar as a prelude to Mass. Gruber finished the tune just hours before midnight Mass in 1818. The people were shocked to hear a guitar in church, but were charmed by the sweet lullaby. The church was swept away by a flood in the 1990s and the village later relocated, but the townspeople have set up the "Silent Night Memorial Chapel" at the site. Today the carol is in print in some three hundred languages. How wonderful that the pipe organ broke on that night!*

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**From the Desk of the Administrator**

There are still On Mission questions. I offer two this week.

*Why is there special consideration given for the Korean Community and seemingly not for other ethnic communities?* Good question. Pittsburgh has been a great melting pot of peoples. Yet, it might hurt to hear that a lot of our ethnic heritage has literally died off; the melting pot has melted us together. However, for the Koreans, the Vietnamese, and even the Latinos, their immigration is current. Their needs need to be met, just as it was for our ancestors. In due time they too will melt into the pot. At the moment, they need our pastoral support.

*I don't understand the location for hospitals and visits when that is always taken care of. Hospitals and nursing homes are all over. How can that be evaluated?* Another good question. If you didn't know, currently non-trauma hospitals have no chaplains assigned. Further, sometimes we have no clue that a nursing home is in the area. The hospital in particular relies on the neighboring Priests to care for emergencies. Just about every Saturday when I'm available, I cover UPMC St. Margaret's emergencies for 24 hours. Sometimes there are no calls, and other times, well, I WISH they weren't calling so much! Because of the HIPPA laws, I seldom know that parishioners are in the hospital, unless someone calls to tell me. To have a full time chaplain assures that the folks receive pastoral care while in the hospital. I'm all for it!

In other news, the other week I received the most recent distribution from the *On Mission for the Church Alive!* Capital Campaign. It was good news. The dividend was **\$9,371.44**. In some analysis that was completed, I can say that of the 171 pledges: 37 (22%) of parishioners are done with their payments; 41 (24%) are ahead of schedule; 58 (34%) are on target; and 35 (20%) are behind. Of those behind, the campaign has never received anything from five [5] pledges and sixteen [16] (monthly and quarterly pledges) did not make any payment during the quarter reported. So: to those of you who are completed, thanks! To those of you still working on it, keep going! To those of you who are having difficulty, let me know how I might be able to help or if your financial situation has changed. May God bless us all for our returning to Him what He has entrusted to us!

See you in Church!


*Fr. Jim Gretz*


**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
Monday, December 19 7:15-8:00 PM

**NO CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY,  
DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE**

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Christmas Eve	4:00 PM & 12:00 AM
Christmas Day	8:00 AM & 10:00 AM


 Howard Schran, Jason Fleishner, Bart Riley, Mary Sciullo, Francis Haberman, Carol Sees, Kevin McGorry, Ed Oresic, Kathy Rishel, Ryan Woodrow, Ronald Molinero, Tom Toborkey, David Hufnagel, Marie T. Schran, Tom Stumpf, Ida Fowler, Father Garry Patriquin, Mildred Hoffman, Louise Wyzomirski, Rose Golden, Eileen Dougherty, Erin Schmitt, Joseph Wittman, Alice Smolkovich, Patricia Currison, Jason Wolling, Gina Sienko, Emma Oresic, Fran Stiltz, Mary Jo Sciullo, Susan Killmeyer, Charles Robinson, Anthony Sciullo, Maria Wolownik, Lisa Lindsey, Katherine Rodack, Kathy Cook, Jordan McCue, and all the sick of our parish. **Please note:** *We ask the families who have requested prayers to please give us a call when your loved one is better so they can be removed from our list.*


 Please remember in your prayers the souls of **Adriana Stofko** who died on November 25, 2016 at the age of 107. Also, **Elizabeth Schultz**, mother of Karen Berner, **Linda Sekel**, mother of Margaret Pogel, **Frances Goncar**, mother of Dan Goncar, and **Winnifred Bailey**, who recently died. May they rest in Christ's Peace.

**Second Collection - Christmas Charities**  
The second collection on Christmas Day is the **Christmas Charities Collection for Children and Youth**. This collection is a longstanding tradition in the Diocese of Pittsburgh on Christmas Day. The proceeds from this collection are used to support a number of programs in our diocese, which serve many children and young people who depend on our generosity and our loving concern for them. Please be very generous to this collection since it is credited to our PSP assessment.

**Ladies of Charity News**  
The Ladies of Charity at All Saints are reaching out to home bound members and their family/caregivers to let you know that we are available to offer assistance, if needed. We can visit you in your home or by telephone, offer grocery shopping or light housekeeping, provide respite time for caregivers, pray for you, etc. For more information or to sign up for services, please call Sister Susanne Sutton at 412-781-0856 ext 5. *Please do not call the parish office.*

**Oplatki - Christmas Wafers**  
Oplatki (Christmas Wafers) for use at the Christmas Eve meal are available at the Parish Office during regular office hours. They are pre-packaged (4 in an envelope). Donation - \$2.00.

 As we prepare for the coming of our Savior, let us also continue to get ready for the changes and growth ahead as we journey **ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!** The more than 27,000 faithful who recently attended parish consultation meetings are a testament to your commitment to your parish and our baptismal call to follow Jesus and bring others to Him. As the consultation process continues, stay involved and sign up for e-mail updates at **OnMissionChurchAlive.org**.

 **BOX** This last Sunday of Advent, there is a shift in the focus of the liturgy. Over the last two weeks, our attention has been on John the Baptist, the voice crying out in the wilderness to "prepare the way of the Lord." This Sunday turns to Mary and Joseph, and their role in Christ's birth. Both Mary and Joseph had to alter their plans for life to accommodate the will of God. They had to allow the Lord to come into their lives and let God take control in order that Jesus could come to earth and fulfill his mission as Savior of mankind. Like Mary and Joseph, we too must allow the Lord to come into our lives and change us to fit His will. As the response to this Sunday's psalm states, we must "let the Lord enter," for "he is king of glory!"


Next Sunday is Christmas, and as is our custom the 4:00PM Mass on Christmas Eve will be our Folk Mass, along with the Children's Choir. The Adult Choir will sing at Midnight Mass. There will be about twenty minutes of Christmas music prior to both Masses, so come early and allow the sacred music of the season to get you in the Christmas spirit before the celebration of the Christmas liturgy!

Yours in ministry,  
Tom Rishel

**Early Bulletin Notice Deadline**  
Because New Year's Day is on a Sunday, bulletin articles for **January 1st must be submitted by Monday, December 19th by Noon.**

**2017 Mass Intentions**  
Mass Intention Forms for 2017 are available in the vestibule of Church. The Parish Office is accepting your intentions. Please read over the guidelines, complete the form and include the \$10.00 Mass stipend. Thank you for your cooperation.

**2017 Altar Flower Memorials**  
These Altar Flower Memorial dates are available for 2017:

1/15	Sanctuary (2), Blessed Virgin, St Joseph	
1/22	Sanctuary (2), Blessed Virgin, St Joseph	
1/29	Sanctuary (2), Blessed Virgin, St Joseph	
2/5	Sanctuary (2), Blessed Virgin, St Joseph	
2/12	Sanctuary (2), Blessed Virgin	

Altar flower intention forms are in the church vestibule or you can call the rectory at 412-781-0530. **COST IS \$25.00.**



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## WEEKLY LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

### SUNDAY - December 18th Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00pm - (Sat.) Leo & Mary Artisti (Chuck & Louise Cook)

8:00am - Lois Goldinger (M/M Erwin J Metzler)

10:00am - For All Parishioners - Living & Deceased

### MONDAY - December 19th

#### Solemnity of the Dedication of the Current Church

8:00am - For the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

### TUESDAY - December 20th Late Advent Weekday

8:00am - Vi, Chuck & Bernie Navilinskas (Ed & Judy Weismann)

*Novena after Mass*

### WEDNESDAY - December 21st Late Advent Weekday

8:00am - Helen Piller - Anniv (Daughters, Becky, Nancy & Patty)

### THURSDAY - December 22nd Late Advent Weekday

8:00am - John Cavlovic (Ramage Family)

### FRIDAY - December 23rd Late Advent Weekday

8:00am - Julliann H Alvin (Mary Ann Alvin)

### SATURDAY - December 24th Late Advent Weekday

8:00am - Nicholas DiDiano - Anniv

(Barbara Volpe & John Dukovich)



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### SUNDAY - December 25th The Nativity of the Lord

4:00pm - (Sat.) Special Intention

Midnight - For All Parishioners - Living & Deceased

8:00am - Special Intention

10:00am - Special Intention



### 12/18/16 - "Rose For Life"

was donated in memory of Mary Eastly  
by Rita Jones.



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## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>12/18/16</b>	
Church Decorating	Church	After 10:00 AM Mass
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>12/19/16</b>	
“40 Minutes with Jesus”	Church	6:30-7:10 PM
Confession	Church	7:15-8:00 PM
Choir Practice	Church	7:30-9:00 PM
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>12/20/16</b>	
Novena	Church	After 8:00 AM Mass
Church Cleaning	Church	9:00-10:00 AM
“40 Minutes with Jesus”	Church	6:30-7:15 PM
CCD	School	6:30-8:00 PM
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>12/21/16</b>	
Folk Practice	School	7:30 PM
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>12/22/16</b>	
“40 Minutes with Jesus”	Church	6:30-7:10 PM
Choir Practice	School	7:30-9:00 PM
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>12/23/16</b>	
“40 Minutes with Jesus”	Church	6:30-7:10 PM
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>12/24/16</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
Christmas Eve Masses	Church	4:00 PM & Midnight

### **DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K)**

*Helping your Children Heal from the Hurt of Divorce.*

DivorceCare for Kids is a special group to help children heal from the hurt caused by the separation or divorce of their parents. Jointly sponsored by Sts. John & Paul and St John Neumann parishes, meetings will begin a 13-week cycle on Monday, January 9, 2017, 7:00-9:00 PM. Meetings will be held at St John Neumann Parish in the Children’s Choir Room. For more information contact Erik Palmer at 412-491-5511 or visit St John Neumann website [www.stjohnneumannpgh.org](http://www.stjohnneumannpgh.org).

### **North Hills Community Outreach News**

**FREE Tax Preparation:** NHCO is once again offering FREE tax preparation for eligible individuals through the United Way Money In Your Pocket preparation program. Appointments are required and can be made **by calling United Way’s helpline, 2-1-1, starting January 10, 2017.** Income eligibility requirements:

1. For households with ONE PERSON, annual income must be \$25,000 or less
2. For households with MORE THAN ONE PERSON, annual income must be \$45,000 or less.

NHCO’s Millvale site will be open for tax prep appointments on Saturdays, 9:00 AM to noon, beginning January 21.

**Seniors need Volunteer Snow Shovelers:** Seniors in all neighborhoods in northern Allegheny County need volunteers to help keep their yards and sidewalks safe by shoveling snow. This is a great project for teens, youth groups and families. Please contact Cathy at NHCO at 412-307-0069 x3313 or [clpschirer@nhco.org](mailto:clpschirer@nhco.org) to register to volunteer.

**Ask the Attorney Sessions for low-income families:** Free legal consultation for issues such as divorce, bankruptcy, credit issues, family matters, rent disputes and more. Must preregister by calling Brady at 412-408-3830 x3217 or [briedel@nhco.org](mailto:briedel@nhco.org).

